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Acquisition of Drones
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to acquire Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) Drones from the United States of America (USA) with an eye to defend our borders with Pakistan and China and for surveillance in the Indian Ocean etc., if so, the details thereof;

(b) the extent to which the acquisition of MALE Drone is likely to augment the defence capability of India vis-Ã -vis Pakistan and China;;

(c) whether the Government is also engaged in negotiation with USA for the purchase of Predator Drones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (d): Acquisition of Defence Equipment including Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), / Drones are taken up based on established requirements of the Services as reflected in various Capital Acquisition Plans based on threat perception and operational necessity. Divulging of details of such purchases would not be in the interest of national security.

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